IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PIUS C.KURIAKOSE

MONDAY, THE 18TH DECEMBER 2006 / 27TH AGRAHAYANA 1928

WP(C).No. 33489 of 2006(J)

PETITIONERS:

1. A.V.ANTONY, S/O. VARUTHU,
   AGED 61 YEARS, RETD. COACH BUILDER,
   K.S.R.T.C., REGIONAL WORKSHOP, ALUVA,
   RESIDING AT AAPPULLIL HOUSE, PALARIVATTOM,
   KOCHI-25.

2. K.V.ANTONY, S/O. VARKEY, AGED 60 YRS,
   RETIRED COACH BUILDER, K.S.R.T.C.,
   REGIONAL WORKSHOP, ALUVA, RESIDING AT
   KARUKAPARAMBIL HOUSE, KOONAMMAVU.

3. K.R.LAWRANCE, S/O. RAPHEL, AGED 60 YRS,
   RETIRED COACH BUILDER, K.S.R.T.C., ALUVA DEPOT.,
   RESIDING AT KALIYATH HOUSE, MULAVUKAD.

4. M.A.RAJAPPAN, S/O. AYYAPPAN,
   AGED 60 YEARS, RETIRED BLACKSMITH,
   K.S.R.T.C., PARAVUR DEPOT., RESIDING AT
   MADATHUMPADICKAL, KOONAMMAVU.

BY ADV. SRI.C.A.CHACKO
SMT.C.M.CHARISMA
SRI.N.A.SHAFEEK

RESPONDENTS:

1. K.S.R.T.C., REP. BY
   MANAGING DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT BHAVAN,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
   K.S.R.T.C., TRANSPORT BHAVAN,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. THE WORKS MANAGER,
   REGIONAL WORKSHOP, K.S.R.T.C., ALUVA.

4. THE DISTRICT TRANSPORT OFFICER,
K.S.R.T.C., ALUVA.

5. THE ASSISTANT TRANSPORT OFFICER,
K.S.R.T.C., PARAVUR.

6. THE STAFF WELFARE FUND COMMITTEE,
K.S.R.T.C., REP. BY THE CHAIRMAN,
(M.D., K.S.R.T.C., TRANSPORT BHAVAN,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.)

BY ADV. SRI.K.PRABHAKARN, SC, K.S.R.T.C.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18/12/2006,THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

PIUS C. KURIAKOSE, J.

W.P.(C) No. 33489 OF 2006

Dated this the 18th day of December, 2006

JUDGMENT

The petitioner complains that there was inordinate delay in the matter of releasing Provident Fund amounts and also amounts due on account of Staff Welfare Fund and has filed this Writ Petition seeking interest on the amounts already paid.

Having considered the grounds raised and the submissions of Sri.C.A.Chacko,learned counsel for the petitioner and those of Sri.Johnson P. John, Standing Counsel for the KSRTC, this Writ Petition will stand disposed of with the following directions:

The respondents will release to the petitioner all the amounts due to the petitioner by way of statutory interest on the Provident Fund Closure amount till date of actual payment within one month of receiving copy of this judgment. As regards the other claim for interest on Staff Welfare Fund amount, the petitioner is permitted to file appropriate representation before the KSRTC in which case they will take a decision without undue delay.

PIUS C. KURIAKOSE, JUDGE

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